

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JULY 21, 2006

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2006. Reconsideration is requested respectfully.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 and 43 are canceled, Claims 21-42 are pending.

Acknowledgement of Withdrawal of Rejections

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, that the rejections of Claims 21, 23, 25 and 32 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,235,365 to Shaugency have been withdrawn.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview granted on August 8, 2006 wherein rejections of Claims 21-42 under 35 USC 112 were discussed. Although no overall agreement was reached in the interview, applicant's attorney agreed to amend the claims and the specification to recite "tear thread" instead of "pull thread". The Examiner agreed that there was sufficient support in the specification for the phrase "in one piece" recited in Claim 21 and agreed to withdraw the rejection of Claim 21 and its dependent claims on that basis.

Applicant argued that Figure 3 of the application shows a cover sheet 4 being removed from an adhesive layer 3 in one piece, and noted further support at page 2 beginning at line 24.

Substitute Specification

Applicant provides herewith a substitute specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125 including a marked-up copy with added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in strike through, along with a clean copy without markings as to

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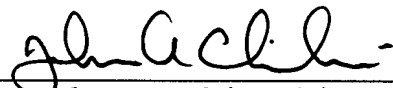
amended material. The revisions to the specification replace the word "pull thread" with the term "tear thread" as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Summary

Applicant contends that the amendments place the application in condition for allowance consistent with the discussion during telephone interview and the withdrawal of the rejections on the basis of anticipation stated in the Action. Applicant requests, therefore, that the application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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